

S-204
John Wesley M.E. Church
Near Green Hill
Public Worship

1909

The John Wesley M.E. Church is a noteworthy Gothic Revival frame structure erected in 1909 and standing near the crossroads of Green Hill. The T-plan church is covered with asbestos siding and trimmed with sawn work in each gable. Several contemporary churches in the immediate vicinity share a similar entrance tower. The gothic arched entrance has a colored glass transom. A clover-leaf design is worked into the gable end tracery. The 20th-century cemetery is located on the west side of the property.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Old Green Hill Road just E of us Route 13 ☐ not for publication

city, town Westover ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of John Wesley M. E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code MD. 21871

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-204

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Wesley M.E. Church is a dated 1909 T-plan Gothic Revival structure which stands on an old section of the Old Westover Road that parallels US Route 13. Greenhill crossroads is .3 miles east of the church. The nearest town is Westover, Somerset County, Maryland.

Facing east the T-plan church rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with asbestos siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has extended eaves with decorative sawn tracery in each primary gable. A concrete block addition is attached to the church on the south end.

The east (main) facade is an uneven elevation with the entrance located in a small mansard-roofed tower that occupies the inside corner. A Gothic arched entrance has a colored-glass transom and a double-leaf door. The front gable end has two pointed arch colored-glass windows on the first floor and a round colored-glass window on the second floor. The sawn eave decoration is a pierced tracery design with a four-lobed clover-leaf in the middle.

The north elevation consists of four evenly-spaced colored-glass sash windows. A brick stove stack rises from the middle section of the roof.

The west (back) elevation has a small three-sided apse with a shed roof. Small single-pane sash light each side, and a colored-glass window pierces the gable above.

The south side is largely covered by the leg of the plan and is detailed in the same manner as the rest of the church. Another brick stove stack rises from the east slope of the roof. The single story concrete block addition is attached to the gable end.

Situated on the west side of the church yard is an earlier 20th-century cemetery with numerous above-ground marblers.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1909 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Wesley M.E. Church ^{was} ~~is~~ erected in 1909 on a T-plan with simple Gothic revival architectural trim. Aside from a sheathing of asbestos siding the exterior is well-preserved. It is similar to several Methodist churches in the vicinity, especially St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Westover.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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Southeast Elevation
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Northwest Elevation
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